

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

August 3, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Place: MDOT 1st floor auditorium

Meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm by Chairman George Phillips.

Commission Members Present:

MS Department of Public Safety	George Phillips
MS Department of Corrections	Chris Epps
MS Association of Fire Chiefs	Tom Lariviere
MS Department of Information Technology Services	David Litchliter
MS Department of Transportation	Willie Huff
MS Municipal League	Nick Wilson & Gene McGee
MS Supervisors Association	Joel Yelverton
MS Department of Health	Brian Amy
MS National Guard	Gary Ladd
MS Police Chiefs Association	Tommy Moffett
MS Sheriffs Association	James Newman
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Clovis Reed

Advisory Members Present:

Representative Tyrone Ellis	Senator Tom King
Representative Johnny Stringer	Senator Jack Gordon
Representative Clayton Smith	

Chairman George Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm. Chairman Phillips asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Chris Epps made the motion, and it was seconded by Gary Ladd. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Joel Yelverton reported for the Rules Committee. There was one request for approval from the MS Department of Transportation (MDOT). Willie Huff explained that the request was for a renewal contract with Cingular for cellular voice and data services. He stated that the plan was an increase over the previous year. A handout showing the breakdown of the projected 2007 cellular costs was distributed. The contract is for one year, and the total cost is \$331,143.60. Mr. Yelverton made a motion to approve MDOT's request, and Nick Wilson seconded the motion. Representative Johnny Stringer questioned the cost per minute per phone. Mr. Huff responded that the cost is \$.12 per minute with an average of \$26.00 per line. Representative Stringer questioned why there was a need for nationwide coverage for all phones. Mr. Huff explained that sometimes their phones will roam on towers in Louisiana and Tennessee even if they are in Mississippi. There was a discussion about the increase from \$10 per phone to \$26 per phone. The Commission voted unanimously to approve this request, and Willie Huff abstained.

Clovis Reed reported for the Cellular RFP Committee. Mr. Reed thanked the team who worked on RFP 3489. At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Reed read the schedule of events for RFP 3489. The complete schedule will be available on the WCC website. Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the RFP, which was seconded by Gary Ladd. The Commission approved the RFP with none opposed.

There was no report from the Integrating Needs Committee. Chairman Phillips stated that this committee was no longer needed at this time.

Chris Epps reported for the RFP Committee. Mr. Epps asked David Litchliter to report on the progress. Efforts are being made to normalize cost proposals in order to compare them. The project is on schedule. Site visits will be scheduled as part of the evaluation.

Willie Huff reported for the Interoperability Committee. He stated that an interim interoperability solution is in place on the coast for this hurricane season.

Gary Ladd reported for the Governance Committee. They have solicited information from several states, and some have responded. They will provide preliminary findings to the Commission at the next meeting.

Chairman Phillips asked if there was any old or new business to be discussed.

David Litchliter stated that the Integrated Public Safety Communications fund has been established. It is a non-budgeted fund, which will be changed during the next legislative session.

The next meeting will be September 7, 2006, in the MDOT Auditorium at 1:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.